

Heavenly Parent's Holy Community

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Monday, November 17, 2025 Dear EUME Families!

Let's show Strong Support for Our True Mother this week!

This Thursday, on November 20th and on Saturday November 22nd we celebrate two important holy days in our Unification tradition: the 66th True Children's Day and the 38th *Kaecheonil*, the Foundation Day of the Nation of Cosmic Unity. On Friday 21st we additionally observe the 1440th Cheonshimwon Vigil Prayer. So there are ample opportunities ahead to offer devotion!

At the 3rd Children's Day in 1962, True Father explained the spiritual importance of all holy days: "People celebrate various feasts such as birthdays, weddings, and Christmas, and enjoy themselves. But heaven has not had such festivals to rejoice. **But this day is the one that heaven truly celebrates and rejoices.**"

I myself have strong personal memories of being present with True Parents on both of these holy days and I am reminded of how Holy Days are part of the ongoing struggle to establish God's Kingdom. In 1984 when True Father was in Danbury, True Mother held the Children's Day celebration alone for the first time. True Father was symbolized only by his Holy Robe on a chair, but Mother carried on, brave and resolute. This year, even True Mother will not be able to join our celebration because she is still detained! But we must carry on.

And when True Parents proclaimed the first *Kaecheonil* shortly after the success of the 1988 Korean Olympics outreach campaign, Father offered a deep prayer for the future, saying, "You did not forsake me, but righted my way night and day, and I am truly grateful for the innumerable helping graces You have given me to aid me in pioneering the difficulties in my environment and overcoming crises in my path."

Well, although 37 years have passed, those difficulties and crises still keep coming. This year we have experienced highs and lows as never before, from the exhilaration of the **Cheonwongung Entrance Ceremony** to the **black reality of True Mother's ongoing imprisonment**. War is still raging on several fronts in our region and people are dying. However, let us still have faith enough to declare to God, together with True Parents, "we are grateful for your innumerable helping graces."

With this in mind, Fumiko and I encourage all communities and members to come together **at least once** over the coming days to celebrate these two holy days and/or to observe the 1440th special vigil prayer. I expect that many of you will offer beautiful holy tables, as we have done so many times before. Since this is the year that we have all pledged in the yearly motto to "substantially attend Heavenly Parent" we believe it is particularly important for us to faithfully offer our Holy Day donations. For much of Europe, the suggested amount is €120 for individuals and €210 for families, but there is a sliding scale and your pastor will have details.

Thank you! Let us give with confidence that our devotion and offerings will bring energy and encouragement to True Mother. May Heavenly Parent bless her, bless us and our families, communities and nations!

Sincerely,

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